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Dear Mr Garrison -

Yrs. came to hand last evening. How the Syracuse Meeting could have been so entirely forgotten by me - (as well as by others) - I am at a complete loss to tell. Such is the fact, however, so far as I am concerned. In all my calculations for September & October, the thought of it has never crossed my mind! And now it comes at a time to make rather close work for some of our speakers; - that is to say, - the Annual Worcester County anti-slavery Fair comes on the last week in September, ~~[illegible]~~ and the Fair (which is regularly held that week) is appointed to hold ~~from~~ Tues. eveg. Sept. 26. to Friday eveg Sept. 29th. The Ladies' Comtee, of which Mrs. Sarah H. Earle is Chairman, are ~~[illegible] on the point~~ entirely fixed in their minds as to the indispensableness of having speakers, i.e. a speaker on each evening; among said speakers are W. Phillips & Lucy Stone, and they have already invited both of them, - or rather, I invited W. P., at the Committee's request; - also, Theo. Parker;

and Mrs. Earle was to invite Lucy,
and has doubtless done so. — It is
of ~~the fair~~ very great importance to have
both of these at the Worcester Fair, and
by assigning them respectively Wednesday
& Thursday eve'gs., — or Tuesday and
Wednesday, — they might be ~~[illegible]~~ at
the Fair, & thence proceed directly to
Syracuse, & attend that meeting also; —
now, if they can only be persuaded to
think so, too, & do so; — how well it
will be all round! I have written
to Lucy, urging compliance with both
requests, & pointing out with how good economy
of time both meetings can be attended. —
I hope you have written to Lucy, too. — ~~If~~ [on recurring
to your note, I find you say you have written.]
~~not, pray, do write~~. — I shall also
write Wendell a line, — but nothing
that will supersede the necessity of
your interceding with him. The
will suit — the Wor. evening (if Wendell

will go ~~[illegible]~~ there) to his accommodation, the best way we can.

As to the best hall, I think the Syracuse City Hall will suffice for the day meetings - but I think we should have a larger one for the 2 evenings. But S. J. M., on the spot, can determine this, better than I.

I should not advise a full Report of the meeting. Our Decade meeting was fully & expensively reported & printed. The call for the pamphlet, tho' ~~best~~ very little of its contents was previously published in the A. S. papers, was very limited indeed. This I think affords a considerable good test of the disposition to read full-length reports of meetings. So many meetings are held now-a-days, of deep interest, - & so much matter is printed, - that the number of persons who have time for anything more than a general sketch of a public meeting is very small. ~~[illegible]~~ Is there not somebody in Syracuse who could give such a sketch? Some two or three speeches there will undoubtedly be, which it would be very pleasant and useful to have reported verbatim; but not, I think, at such expense as would be involved in carrying a reporter thither. If Yerrinton, wishing to take a trip for health, would go & report say one speech, each of the 3 days, & return, — all for about $50., I think the treasury might bear that; — but I would not go beyond that, because I think we have not the money to spare,

I vote for giving S. J. M. carte blanche to arrange the meeting. I presume T. Parker cannot go. I hope that you, & Wendell, & Lucy will. Remond will probably be going West not far from that time. Will it be worth while to delay his going 10 or 12 days, to have him at S.? ~~[illegible]~~ Possibly Mr. Foss will go West at that time. If so, it will be just about the 1st of October. Abby Foster goes West about the end of September; I am not sure whether she could get ready for the Syracuse meeting, or would think it best to stop there. {W. W. Brown would be a grand addition.

I am in favour of an admission-charge. —

— The regular Meeting of the Worcr. Co. South Anti-slavery Society was to have come on, or near, Sept. 30. & Octr. 1st",